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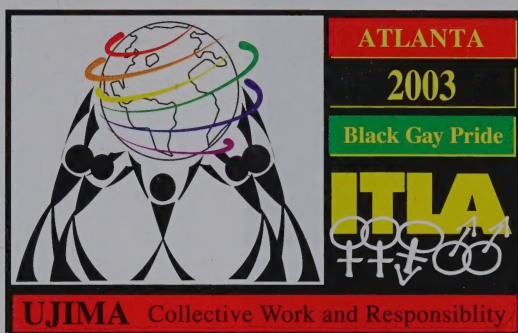
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Greetings:

In The Life Atlanta Inc's 2003 Planning Committee, Board of Directors, partner organizations and the City of Atlanta welcome all of our visitors, friends, and supporters to Black Gay Pride (BGP) 2003.

This year's theme, "UJIMA: Collective Work and Responsibility", embodies the principles of our culture and heritage; focusing on our family roots and the cooperative nature upon which we thrive. This weekend will provide many opportunities for you to participate in this celebration and collective educational experience through workshops, theatre, forums, spoken word and parties. We invite you to enjoy the best Atlanta has to offer as we celebrate our pride and our culture Southern style.

In The Life Atlanta, Inc. is proud to be the official organizers of the nation's third largest Black Gay Pride celebration for eight consecutive years. Formed in 1996, ITLA serves the needs of LGBT people of African descent. We do so through education, advocacy, coalition building programs and other activities.

Sincerely,

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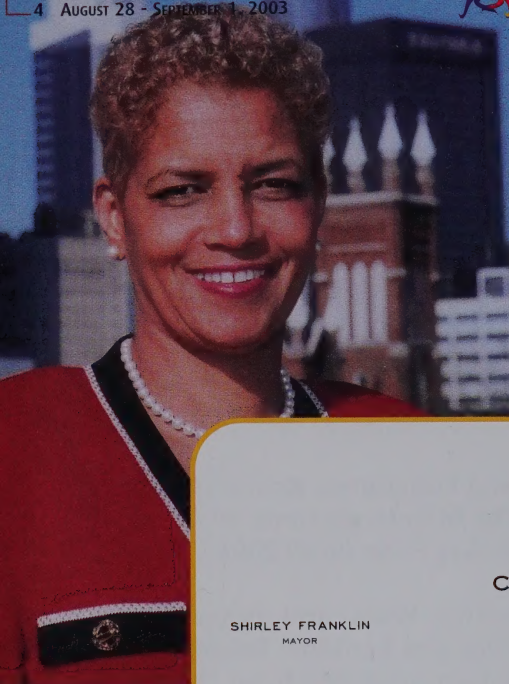
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On behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, I wish you the very best time in Atlanta!

Sincerely,

Shirley Franklin



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August 22, 2003

Greetings from the city of Atlanta:

It is with great pleasure that the Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau welcome the 2003 Black Gay Pride Celebration to be held August 28 through August 31, 2003.

We know that an exciting destination with accessibility and appealing venues are important considerations when selecting future meeting sites. Let me assure you that Atlanta comprises all the ingredients to create a successful program and possesses the professional personnel to skillfully accommodate your needs.

Thank you for visiting Atlanta! We hope that you will have time to explore the city and discover some of the attractions that make Atlanta such a special place.

Sincerely,

Spurgeon Richardson
President & CEO
Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau



Breakfast with Boxill -

A Profile of Commissioner Nancy Boxill Fulton County Board of Commissioners District 6

By Craig Washington

Soon after she was appointed on an interim basis as the first woman to serve on the Fulton County Board of Commissioners in 1987, Commissioner Nancy Boxill established herself as a credible representative respected by her constituents and her colleagues. She won the 1988 election in order to serve at the remainder of her term and was re-elected in 1990, 1994 and 1998. In 1993, she was selected by her fellow commissioners to serve as the Board's first woman vice chair. The Board of Commissioners oversees criminal justice services including the district attorney and the jail system for all of Fulton County. In addition, the Board provides all services not covered by the city of Atlanta for unincorporated Atlanta such as police and fire departments, public works and roads.

Commissioner Boxill speaks with pride about her constituents in District 6 all of which is located in within intown Atlanta. "Those who I represent are all inside the city and they like living in town. My district is a very mixed group of people in terms of race, religion and income. We have about 10 public housing communities, 7 senior citi-

zen high rises and some exploding intown neighborhoods. They are welcoming of people who look, cook, dress, or like music that is different. We're not a district that shuns or gets disturbed by anything that is unfamiliar."

She is widely noted for her achievements an outspoken advocate for the arts in Atlanta. She currently serves as Board Chair for the National Black Arts Festival and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Opera. She helped establish the West End Performing Arts Center which along with the Hammond House Galleries provides performance and exhibition space within an historical black neighborhood. She credits several players for the growth of Atlanta's arts and cultural front over the past decade. "It took the vision of some elected and community leaders, the openness of the corporate community and the enthusiasm and energy of local artists and the citizens. The interest and vision of someone like Michael Lomax. Fulton County is the lead organizer and donor for the NBAF. Fulton County purchased the Hammond House when Dr. Hammond died. Our constituents are interested in having a viable art community so the county does its



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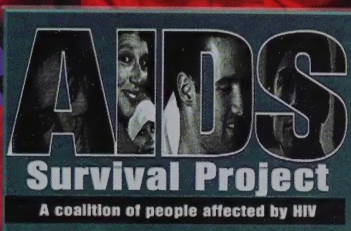
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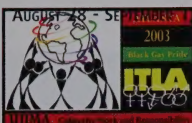
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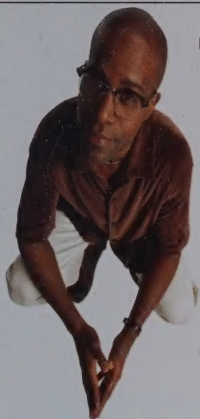
part."

Boxill's commitment to doing her best to serve her district is not only demonstrated by her actions but her words. Her voice is tinged with a passion one might expect from a much greener politician. She swells with a type of enthusiasm that can't be faked when she talks about what it takes to serve the various pockets and cultures of her district. "I hope I'm representing the reasonable views and interests of every constituency. I hope that people are pleased with the quality of that representation. I'm one vote in seven. I don't think I can be held accountable for the outcome. But I do think I can be held accountable for the extent to which I have energetically, enthusiastically and intelligently participated in the debate." She effusively credits her assistants, several of whom have been with her since her debut days. When she queries my experience with contacting her, she is not surprised by my positive reviews. As she is in office no more than 2 days a week, her friendly and competent staff help maintain her reputation as an accessible and approachable leader.

One of Boxill's trademarks is her breakfast meetings with different groups including local gay and lesbian organizers. "My efforts to make connections to gays are not unlike my efforts to connect with any other community. For a long

time, I have done 3 breakfast meetings a year where I invite the presidents of the NPU's (neighborhood planning units) to have breakfast with me and talk about their issues. About 3 years ago, we started having meetings for gay leaders to come and tell me here are some things we'd like you to keep and eye on. The gay community in District 6 has always been tremendously supportive of me from the beginning of my political career." No doubt Boxill earned such trust during the debacle prompted when the Board of Commissioners authorized the Grady Infectious Disease Clinic to be located on Ponce de Leon Ave. Many midtown residents some of whom were gay, were not too thrilled about the prospect of a multi-service public clinic that would attract the most heavily stigmatized; HIV-infected drug users, gays, blacks and women who were lower income. People with AIDS and gay activists saw Boxill take a lead role in helping to secure a neatly landscaped facility that served those in need and satisfied the aesthetic concerns of the property owners.

She recommends that black lgbt Atlantans familiarize themselves with elected officials who are always looking for ways to engage people. "Everyone who is a regular voter is important to a sitting official. We want to have a relationship with you." When I asked what she



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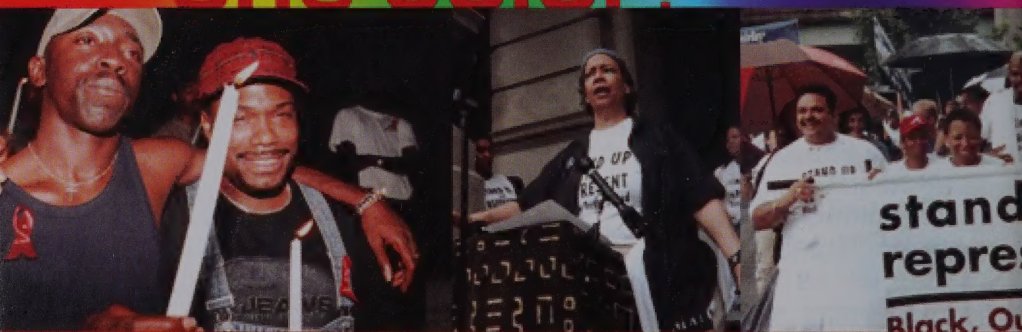
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Profile of an Ally

State Senator Vincent D. Fort

By Craig Washington

As the 4th term State Senator from Georgia's 39th District, which stretches from East Point to Buckhead, Senator Vincent D. Fort represents one of the most diverse constituencies in the state. The 39th encompasses poor, middle class, and upscale neighborhoods comprised of various mixes of class and race. Senator Fort's leadership is grounded by a deep understanding of those differences and the common interests among the people he serves. "The interests that I serve are the same interests across the state and the country – education, economic development, and personal safety. The issues are common, the solutions, how issues manifest is different from community to community."

His duties include both legislative and direct constituent services. As a member of the General Assembly, he either creates or votes on legislation (i.e., criminal law, sanitation, taxes) introduced in the Assembly. As a representative, he seeks input and educates constituents about the issues that are important to them. "I go to the community and find out what they want how they feel as a bottom up approach to legislative work." Senator Fort's

dual background as an educator and an activist has shaped this approach in all aspects of his public service. "I'm an academic teacher by trade and an activist organizer. So I do a lot of research on an issue before I get involved with it. As an activist I've worked in grass roots neighborhood politics. It is a short jump to electoral politics, studying how communities are underdeveloped and then you fight to prevent them from being underdeveloped." As former chair of the Senate Study Committee on Public Education Disciplinary Reform, and current chairman of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus Committee on Education, he has shown particular interest in the quality of public education for children in Georgia.

Senator Fort is also distinguished by his accomplishments in legislation addressing predatory lending and hate crimes. He was the principal author of GA's predatory lending law, which has since been inactivated by Governor Perdue and several of his supporters. "The most important thing we did was educate the community about the issue. We went city by city, region by region, urban and rural talking about what it is and what it does to communities. I introduced the first bill in



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January 2001 and urged Gov. Barnes to take up the issue and he did. Then Governor Purdue and Speaker of the House Tom Coleman helped to gut it." He led the passage of the GA Hate Crimes Law, which secures increased penalties for perpetrators who victimize people because of their race, religion, ethnicity, disability and sexual orientation. The legislation faced staunch opposition due to its inclusion of sexual orientation as a protected category. "Because of my background in civil rights I understand the role that violence plays against other groups. The Other Side bombing was a catalyst. Everything in my formation led me to this. I saw that black churches had been bombed, synagogues were desecrated and there was gay bashing. In 1998, I announced that I was going to introduce this legislation at Outwrite Bookstore."

The senator is recognized as one of the most popular allies to gay communities in Atlanta and throughout the state. He has worked extensively with Georgia Equality and has regularly attended In The Life Atlanta's Black Gay Pride and the Stand Up and Represent March rally. Reflecting upon the significance of Black Gay Pride, the senator shared several insights. "When anybody says 'I am somebody that will not allow myself to be devalued', that makes a statement about human worth. It's important to the black community as a public statement within the culture. I appreci-

ate that Black Gay Pride maintains a black cultural foundation."

He continues to urge black gay organizers to take up more visible and vocal roles in grass roots work and electoral politics. "The black gay community has challenges to face in the black and the gay communities to have more inclusion and more advocacy. You have a place inside and outside the gates to be an engine for change, to become more involved in cultural, social, legislative and political advocacy. Have a blunt, sharp critique of the situation. Don't hold your tongue for anyone; just go toward solutions. Whether its racism or regentrification, you have a special role to play and you have to understand what that role is."

Given Georgia's current political climate, the senator's call to action comes at a crucial moment for black gays and others whose rights are set in the Republican party bullseye. "We have to decide who we are and go out and tell people how Democrats are different from Republicans. If the Democrats lose the 2006 elections, if we don't take back the senate, we will lose viability for a political generation." Showing no signs of letting up, Senator Fort plans to address the living wage ordinance, continue his public education work, and resume his efforts to reinforce predatory lending legislation. "The core of what I do is the people I represent. I was elected by the people. I have to be responsive to them."



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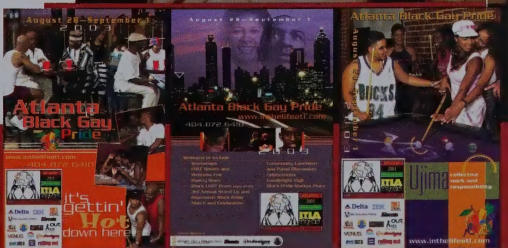
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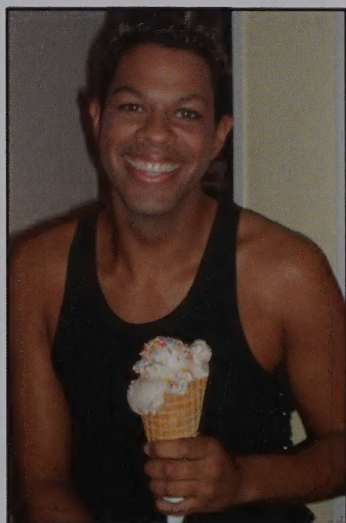
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Atlanta Black Gay Pride 2003

SCHEDULE

Wednesday - August 27th, 2003

AFRIsistahs & Roots & Rhythm presents See Us In The Life Film Festival

PT 1 @ Tower II - 735 Ralph McGill Blvd

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Thursday - August 28th, 2003

Registration

12:00PM - 10:00PM Host Hotel - Sheraton

Colony Square

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Clubs & Parties

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Friday - August 29th, 2003

Registration

10:00AM - 10:00PM Host Hotel - Sheraton
Colony Square

Meet & Greet - FREE

6:30PM - 7:00PM Adodi Muse Freedom Hall
- 27th Floor of Host Hotel - FREE

Appetizers and Cash Bar

Meet your friends, neighbors, and fellow brothers and sisters in our pre kick off social.

Opening Reception - FREE

7:00PM - 9:00PM Grand Ballroom North
Welcome from ITLA Board of Directors and official kick off presented by Atlanta's first Black Female Mayor, Shirley Franklin.

Celebrate the start of the weekend with musical and performance artists for your entertainment. Cash Bar

Delta Air Lines Black Pride Marketplace -

FREE 4:00PM - 11:00PM Grand Ballroom
South - Host Hotel

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10:00PM Until - Adodi Muse Freedom Hall -
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SpeakFire! - An evening of Erotica (open Mic)

12:00AM - 3:00AM - Host Hotel

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Clubs & Parties

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Saturday August 30th 2003

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Subject: Business in the community

Keynote Speaker: Trevor Pettiford (Fox5 Atlanta)

Moderators:

David Payne - President, Atlanta Executive Network

Zandra Conway - Board Member, In The Life Atlanta Inc.

Panel Members:

Monique Durham - IBM Education Client Representative

Ronald Moore - Former President of the Atlanta Executive Network

Charlene Cothran - Venus Magazine Editor

Cindy Abel - bizvox Marketing

Communications CEO & President

Allen Thornell - Georgia Equality - Executive Director

Jerry Gonzales - Georgia Hispanic Network, President

Robin G. White - Kings Crossing Publishing

Workshop Series

2:00PM - 6:00PM

Health and Wellness Fair

12:00PM - 4:00PM - Grand Ballroom North

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NAESM Pool Party - Piedmont Park

5:00PM - 10:00PM - Piedmont Park

(Presented by NAESM - \$15 in Advance \$20.00 @ the door)

DL Connection Pool Party - 418 Armour Drive

4:00PM - 8:00PM - (Ramada Inn Conference Center Pool - behind the hotel)
(FREE)

Poetry Slam

6:00PM - 9:00PM Host Hotel

Guest MC - Tim'm West

\$5.00 (Free with VIP All Access or UJIMA Pass)

(spoken word artist must register at the registration desk any time prior to 3:30PM)

ZAMI Presents: A Feast Of Kings: Girls Do Boys

9:00PM - Grand Ballroom North

(ZAMI's hosts it 3rd Annual Drag King Show benefiting its Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund)
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Girls Do Boys the After Party

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11:00PM until \$10.00 (Free with VIP All Access or UJIMA Pass)

Clubs & Parties

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Sunday August 30th, 2003

Interfaith Worship Service - Free

11:00AM - 12:00PM - Host Hotel

Gospel In Your Soul Brunch - Free

12:00PM - 2:00PM - Host Hotel

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AFRIsistahs & Roots & Rhythm presents See
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"See Us In The Life" after party @ Endenu
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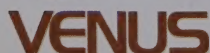
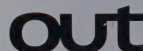
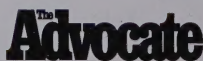
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3rd Annual Stand Up and Represent Black
Gay Pride March and Rally
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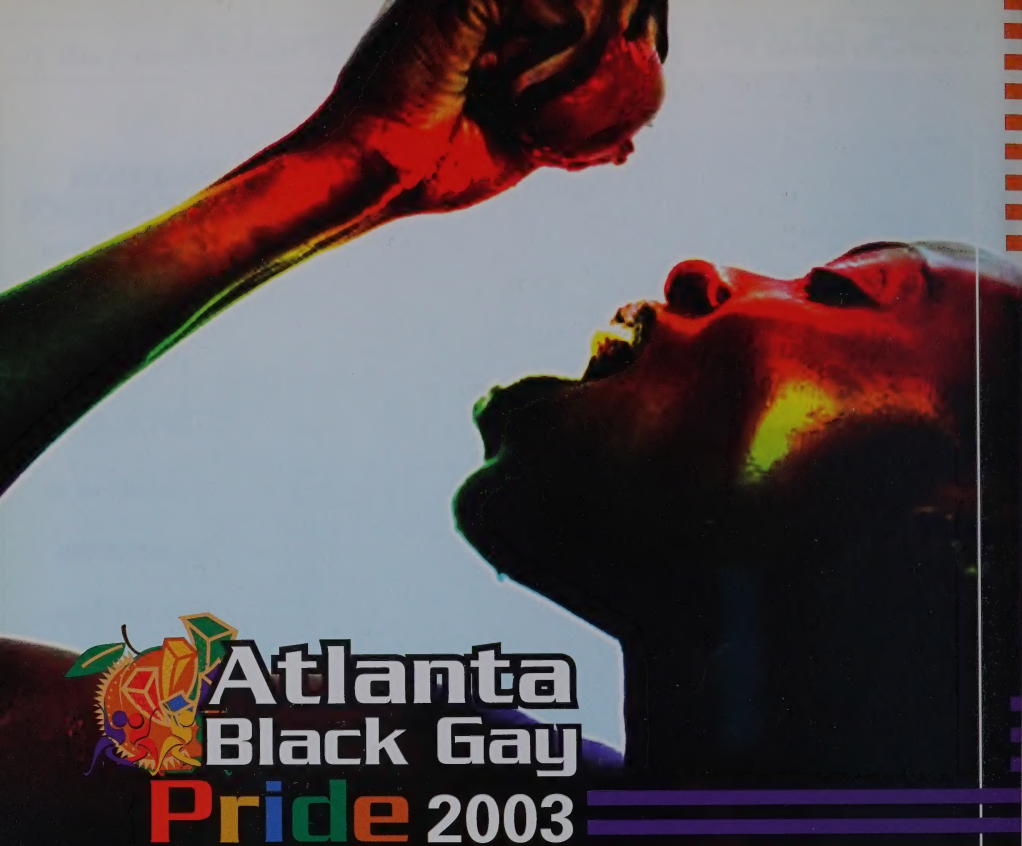
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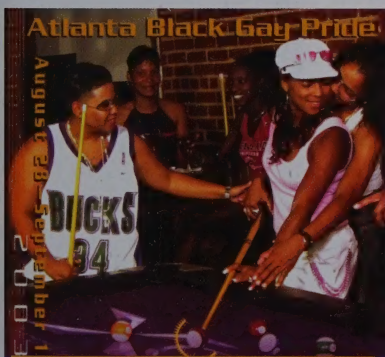
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thought of Black Gay Pride, the native New Yorker recalled the many festivals offered by that multicultural metropolis. "There's always a festival, a marvelous opportunity to make manifest what's important to them. I think it's important for groups to celebrate what's important to them, to do it in a way that invites others to join and learn about them. Whether I know anything about the culture, the sexual orientation, the nucleus of the festival, it's a chance to learn. It's about trying to make a connection. I hope people that don't claim membership to that group feel welcome to come, through the music, the literature or the friendship."



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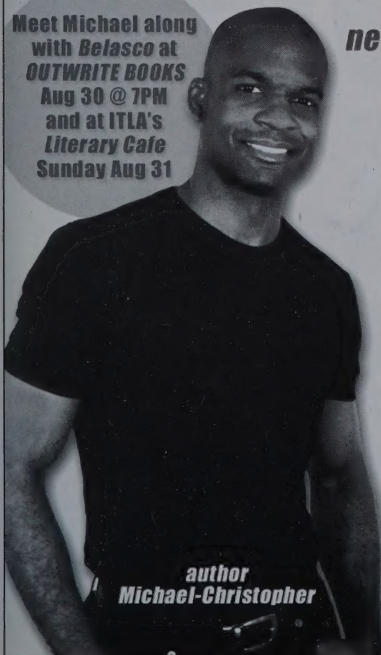
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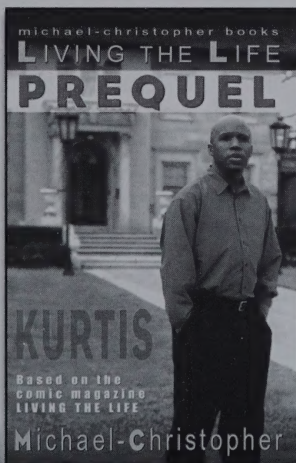
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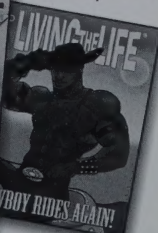
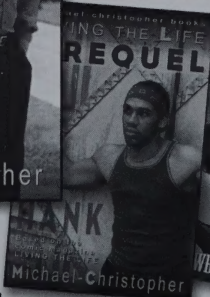


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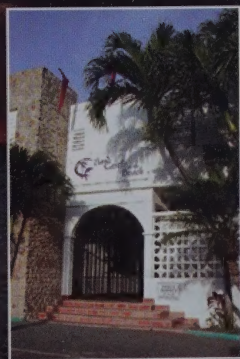
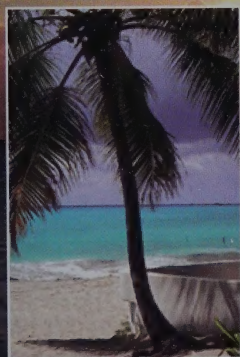
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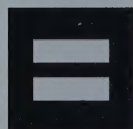


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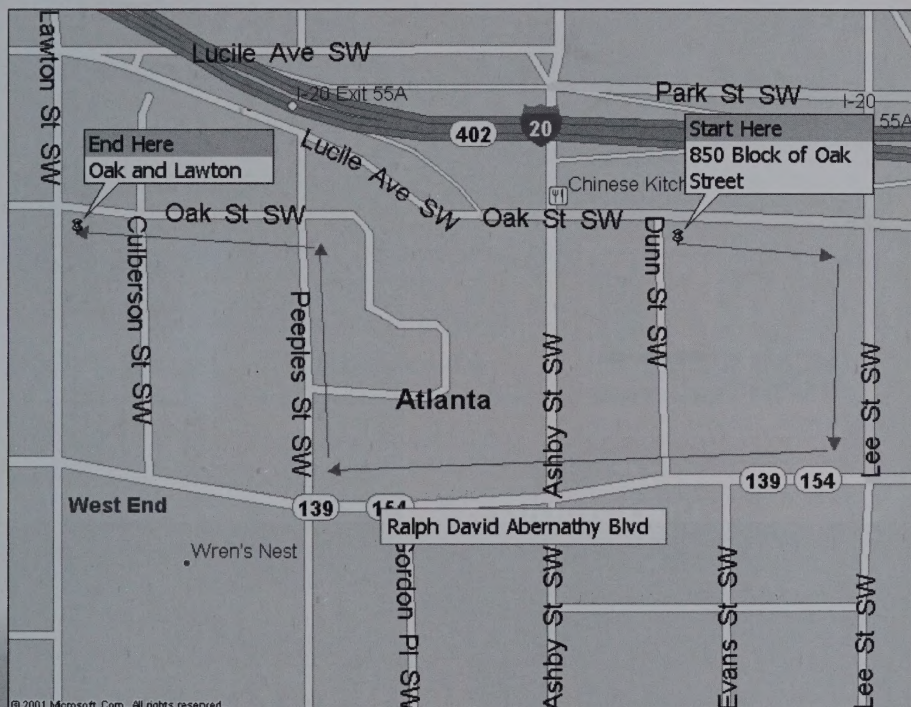
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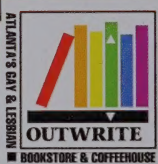


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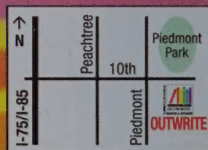
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Many have played a very important part in the origin and development of Black Gay pride. This year's theme Ujima "Collective Work and Responsibility" is not only reflective of the current year, but also in our history. Many, many, organizations and beautiful, people have been apart of making In The Life Atlanta the organization it is now. We would not be here had it not been for their perseverance, their strength, love, and the knowledge that we can build and maintain our community when we work collectively.

We asked some of those that have been apart of In The Life Atlanta to comment on their experiences:

I was honored to meet and work with an array of wonderfully spirited individuals during my stint as Associate Director on the Planning Committee during the 1998 Atlanta Gay Black Pride. I worked side-by-side with Darryl Moch!, who I would especially like to thank for all his energy as well as insight during that time. Our efforts, although exhausting were extremely fruitful, whereas we were a part of history to bring In The Life Atlanta to the next level. Many thanks for the volunteers who came out and brought our community together. In the beginning, I knew no one, by the end I was part of an expansive community. It proved then

and the efforts put forth now, that Pride abounds. Many Blessings with Peace and Joy is the spirit that rewards the tireless work still to come.

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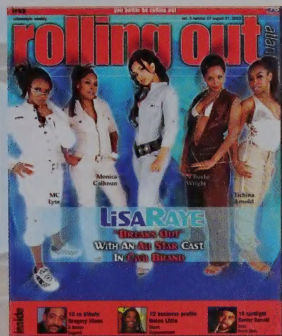
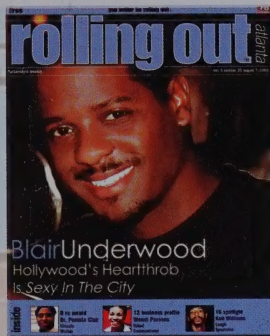
ITLA Assistance Executive Director

I am really proud of what is happening in the community. It was a vision a long time ago to see this kind of coming together of so many segments of the community. We had dreamed of the days when we could do things in the public and not hide in shame or fear. We have come to the point where we can fully express ourselves freely. That, is the powerful result of our faith, determination and our individual and collective will to be. I don't think there is anything that can stop us from being everything our community needs us to be as long as we don't give up and work collectively and responsively and use all of the principles of Kwanzaa every day of the year. My heat is full.

Darryl! L. C. Moch

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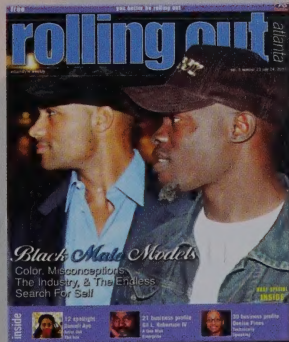
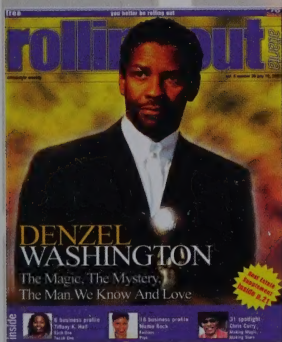
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lage, and neighboring villages, that surround, and protect it, sustained solely by the foundations laid by the ancestors who endured heartache and pain to ensure that this child continues to flourish. This child's name "FREEDOM"

Black Gay Pride weekend is a wonderful time to gather together and celebrate what we can and do celebrate 365 days a year, the freedom to be ourselves as unique individual expressions in this universe. I celebrate with each one of you as we continue in this journey.

Duncan E. Teague

ITLA Board Honoree, 1997

It is with great Pride that I say 'Go 'Head ITLA!' I am exceptionally proud of the work you are doing. I have watched this organization grow and go through its process since my involvement in 1996. I'd like to think that was the beginning of 'Black Gay Pride' in Atlanta but I certainly know better than that. Long before our publication VENUS was born in 1995; before we as Black same gender loving folk decided to pool our resources and work together. We came together as a community of media people, party promoters and supporters, stage divas and activists but before all of that, there had been proud Black gay folk working in Atlanta. They did not have the privilege to work as openly as we do today. Most times they worked exactly where they were, in black churches; fighting for the right to vote, a King Holiday and the end of Apartheid. And just as we will march this weekend, they have already marched. Perhaps not openly or as a gay group

but proud Black gay folk in Atlanta have organized, marched, and partied together for generations. To them, we give honor. This didn't all start with VENUS or the original ITLA board. We simply accepted the torch, then passed it on.

Charlene E. Cothran

Founding Member of In The Life Atlanta, 1996

As a founding Board Member of In The Life Atlanta (ITLA) it is truly a delight to see the continuous growth and prosperity each year. The Theme UJIMA "Collective Work & Responsibility " is an excellent theme truly the GLBT board members & many volunteers are collectively working and have taken responsibility to promote community awareness continuously year after year.

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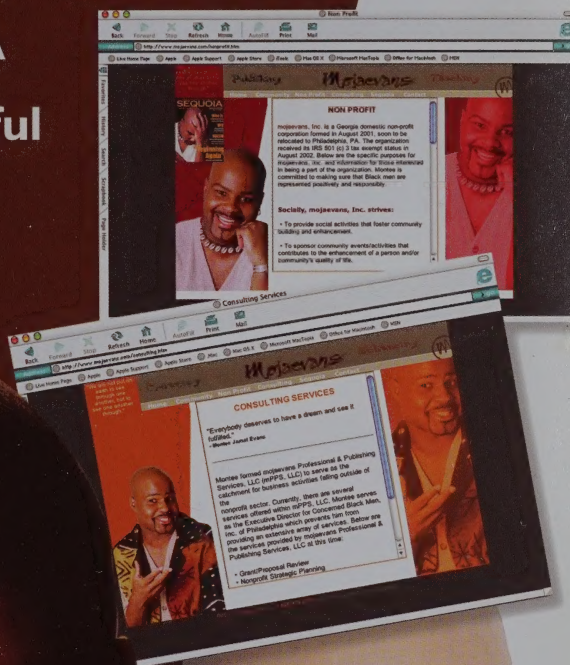
ITLA Board Member 1996 - 2000

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Organizing and successfully presenting Atlanta's Black Gay Pride (BGP) celebration is a living expression of UJIMA for me. It takes the collective work of the community combined with the volunteers who shoulder leadership responsibilities to make BGP an annual success.

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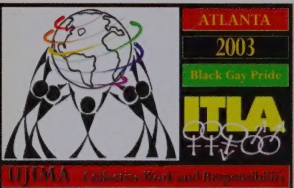
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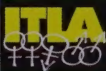


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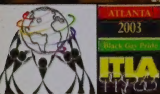
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Passes available for pickup or purchase (if available)

Candlelight Vigil - FREE

7:00PM - 10:00PM @ Studioplex - 659 Auburn Ave

Clubs & Parties

Bulldogs - 893 Peachtree FREE with your VIP All Access Pass
S.H.E. Productions - Blue Trout 554 Piedmont Ave
The Palace - 91 Broad St. 50% off with your VIP All Access Pass

Friday - August 29th, 2003

Registration

10:00AM - 10:00PM Host Hotel - Sheraton Colony Square

Meet & Greet - FREE

6:30PM - 7:00PM Adodi Muse Freedom Hall - 27th Floor of Host Hotel
Appetizers and Cash Bar

Opening Reception - FREE

7:00PM - 9:00PM Grand Ballroom North

Delta Air Lines Black Pride Marketplace - FREE

4:00PM - 11:00PM Grand Ballroom South - Host Hotel

Sisters Finding Our Place in Paradise (Sponsored by Venus Magazine)

10:00PM Until - Adodi Muse Freedom Hall - 27th Floor

\$10.00 (Free with VIP All Access or UJIMA Pass)

SpeakFire! - An evening of Erotica (open Mic)

12:00AM - 3:00AM - Host Hotel

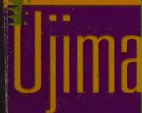
\$8.00 (Free with VIP All Access or UJIMA Pass)

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Live Remote with Atlanta's Classic Soul 102.5

The Palace - 91 Broad Street FREE with your VIP All Access Pass
S.H.E. Productions @ the Payne House in The Deck - 6075 Sandy
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